Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Cancelled)**

2. **(Currently amended)** Method according to Claim ~~1~~7, wherein said <u>class</u> matching information <u>and static field identifiers matching information</u> are lookup tables.

3. **(Currently amended)** Method according to Claim 7~~1~~, wherein said <u>class</u> matching information <u>and static field identifiers matching information</u> is omitted when ~~these~~ <u>said</u> objects are not to be modified~~, for example, and in a non-limiting way when no further class is added to the new application release or when the newly added classes do not change the class hierarchy~~.

4. **(Currently amended)** Method according to Claim 7~~1~~, comprising an implementation of procedures for updating application data after the new application release has been installed.

5. **(Currently amended)** Method according to Claim 7~~1~~, wherein said computer device is a chip card.

6. **(Currently amended)** Method according to Claim 7~~1~~, wherein said programming language is a "Java® Card" language.

7. **(New)** Method for loading into a computer device with a programming language using objects, an updated release of an earlier application having earlier application classes and earlier static field identifiers, said updated release having updated

application release classes, and updated static field identifiers, said programming language permitting an introduction of additional classes, a class hierarchy modification and a definition of further fields and methods, said method comprising the steps of:

computing, in a first computing operation prior to said loading, a class matching information establishing a correspondence between said earlier application release classes and said updated application release classes;

computing, in a second computing operation prior to said loading, a second static field identifiers matching information establishing a correspondence between said earlier application release static field identifiers and said updated application release static field identifiers;

linking said class matching information and said static field identifiers matching information to said updated application release as loaded into the computer device; and

using said class matching information and said static field identifiers matching information to modify the objects to point at the updated application release classes and use the updated application release static field identifiers.

8. **(New)** Method according to Claim 7, wherein said class matching information and said static field identifiers matching information are omitted when no additional class is added to said new application release or when newly introduced additional classes do not change said class hierarchy.